

Amendments to the Claims:**Claims 1-20 (canceled).****Claims 21-28 (canceled).**

Claim 29 (previously presented). A compact, ergonomic telephony keypad comprising three principle buttons capable of performing twelve distinct electronic switch operations; said three principle buttons being positioned in a group comprising a telephony keypad with each said button formed for tactile manipulation to achieve four of said twelve switch operations, each said button further being formed having four tactile depressible areas positioned thereon around an imaginary central axis, said four tactile depressible areas being spaced about equally apart around the imaginary central axis of each of said principle buttons, and, the depressible areas of each said button being positionally rotated relative to the depressible areas of an adjacent button. the depressible areas of each said button being positionally rotated about 45 degrees relative to the positioning of the depressible areas of an adjacent button.

Claim 30 (canceled)

Claim 31 (previously presented). A telephony keypad of claim 29, wherein each said principle button is formed being tilttable in four different directions away from said imaginary central axis.

Claim 32 (previously presented). A telephony keypad of claim 29, wherein the spacing distance between two adjacent depressible areas from one principle button is substantially the same as the spacing distance between two adjacent depressible areas from two separate adjacent principle buttons.

Claim 33 (previously presented). A telephony keypad of claim 29, wherein each said principle button is formed having a periphery, and each said tactile depressible area is positioned proximate to said periphery.

Claim 34 (previously presented). A telephony keypad of claim 29, wherein each said depressible area of each said button is structurally raised to aid a user with said tactile manipulation.

Claim 35-38 (canceled).

Claim 39 (previously presented). A compact, ergonomic telephony keypad comprising three principle buttons capable of performing twelve distinct electronic switch operations; said three principle buttons being positioned in a group

comprising a telephony keypad with each said button formed for tactile manipulation to achieve four of said twelve switch operations, each said button further being formed having four tactile depressible areas positioned thereon around an imaginary central axis, said four tactile depressible areas being spaced about equally apart around the imaginary central axis of each of said principle buttons, and, ~~the depressible areas of each said button being positionally rotated relative to the positioning of the depressible areas of an adjacent button~~ the depressible areas of each said button being positionally rotated about 45 degrees relative to the positioning of the depressible areas of an adjacent button, and, said three principle buttons being spaced apart and positioned relative to each other so as to substantially maximize the spacing of said twelve depressible areas, while, substantially minimizing the spacing of said principle buttons.

Claim 40 (canceled).

Claim 41 (Previously presented). A compact, ergonomic telephony keypad comprising three principle buttons capable of performing twelve distinct electronic switch operations; said three principle buttons being positioned in a group comprising a telephony keypad with each said button formed for tactile manipulation to achieve four of said twelve switch operations, each said button further comprising a group of four tactile depressible areas being spaced about

equally apart around an imaginary central axis, and, each said group of four depressible areas of each said button being positionally rotated about 45 degrees relative to the position of an adjacent group of depressible areas of an adjacent button.

Claim 42 (Previously presented). A telephony keypad of claim 41, wherein the spacing distance between two adjacent depressible areas from one principle button is substantially the same as the spacing distance between two adjacent depressible areas from two separate adjacent principle buttons.

Claim 43 (Previously presented). A telephony keypad of claim 41, wherein each said principle button is formed being tiltable in four different directions away from said imaginary central axis.

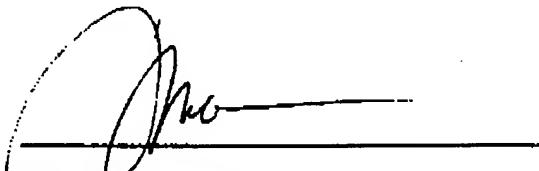
Claim 44 (Previously presented). A telephony keypad of claim 41, wherein each said principle button is formed having a periphery, and each said tactile depressible area is positioned proximate to said periphery.

Claim 45 (Previously presented). A telephony keypad of claim 41, wherein each said depressible area of each said button is structurally raised to aid a user with said tactile manipulation.

The above amendment is made to define the final status and language of all claims. It is understood that the allowed claims are claims 29, 31-34, 39 and 41-45 as presented herein. Applicant wishes to respectfully acknowledge and thank Examiner Drew Hirshfeld and Examiner Anthony Nguyen for their assistance which has caused the applicant to respond in a way that is believed to have advanced this case.

Thank you.

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